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Poverty Alleviation Schemes
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned/ released to States and utilized by them under various rural development and poverty alleviation schemes during the last three years and the current year, Schemewise and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any additional assistance has been provided for the said purposes during the said period, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the achievements made during the said period under each scheme;

(d) the number of people belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) benefited under each of these schemes;

(e) whether any complaints/ irregularities have been received regarding diversion of funds provided for poverty alleviation, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure optimum utilization of funds and completion of works in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The Department of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay − Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana −Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, skilling of youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities. These Programmes have direct and indirect bearing on poverty alleviation. The State/UT-wise funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred under various rural development schemes during the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-I.

(b): Additional assistance to States/UTs is provided as per guidelines of the programmes. Five percent of annual allocation under PMAY-G is retained at the Centre as reserve fund for Special Projects proposed by the States/UTs for the purpose of rehabilitation of families affected by natural calamities, particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), manual scavengers, Forest Right Act (FRA) beneficiaries etc. A statement indicating special projects sanctioned under Indira Awaas Yojana, now restructured as PMAY-G for the last three years and current year is given at Annexure-II. Under MGNREGA provision for upto 50 days of additional employment is made over and above 100 days per household in notified drought affected areas.

(c): The State/UT-wise physical achievements made under various rural development schemes are given at Annexure-III.

(d): The numbers of beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled caste and Scheduled Tribes, State/UT-wise, under MGNREGA, PMAY-G and DAY-NRLM are given at Annexure-IV.

(e) & (f): Since the responsibility of implementation of Programmes is vested with the State Governments, all complaints received in the Department are forwarded to the concerned state Governments for taking appropriate action including investigation.

The funds under various programmes are released to States/UTs in accordance with the programme guidelines based on their absorption capacity and utilization of available funds. The Department constantly pursues the issue with the state/UT governments through Performance Review Committee Meetings to ensure optimum utilization of funds and to ensure timely disbursement and sound financial management. In order to ensure that the programme benefits reach the rural poor in full measure, the Department of Rural Development has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of rural development programmes in different parts of the country which include Review by the Union Ministers, Performance Review Committee Meetings, National Level Monitors, Vigilance & Monitoring Committees, Area Officers Schemes, Concurrent Evaluation and Impact Assessment Studies.
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